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### 15. SUMMARY. (C-NO FORN)

a. On 3 November 1967, President Hubert Schruubbers of the Bundesamt fuer Verfassungsschutz celebrated his sixtieth birthday with an open house at his residence on Moerika Strasse 8, Cologne, between 1100 and 1300 hours.

b. Major members of President Schruubbers' staff paid their respects during the first hour; only Herr Emerling, Director of the BfV School, and his wife, remained after twelve o'clock, possibly because Herr Emerling also had a birthday on the same day.

c. The second hour was attended by dignitaries from the government, sister agencies, the press, local municipal officials, including the Mayor of Cologne, and allied liaison officers. It was largely a stag affair with only several women present. More d'oeuvres and champagne were served. Congratulatory messages including a lengthy commendation from Federal President Heinrich Lübke were on display.

d. Much of the conversation was pegged by the recent espionage cases uncovered in the Bonn/Bad Godesberg area which seemed to have left some incisive impressions on a number of the guests, and stimulated discussions in the presence of persons not associated with the security business. Ministerial Director Schnepfel of the FRG Ministry of Interior and directly responsible for Security (Öffentliche Sicherheit) in the Federal Republic of Germany appeared particularly depressed over the Herzog case (a one-time colleague of Frau Sutterlin in the Foreign Office who left when she married a Frenchman, was recently interviewed in connection with the Runge case as an off-shoot lead, confessed to espionage and was arrested in France). Schnepfel stated the directives were and are explicit but that Herzog was hired by the Foreign Office despite the fact that she was known to have been a recent refugee from the Soviet Zone; he, however, as director.

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of Security was held responsible. Herr Schnepfel's only consolation appeared to be that he can retire in May of next year, which he intends to do.

e. More poignant criticism over the security situation in the Federal Republic of Germany came from Oberregierungskriminalrat Karl Schuetz, who heads the Sicherungsgruppe's (Security Group) investigative department and who has also moved into the Deputy Chief's position left vacant by the retirement on Anton Paar on 31 October 1967. Schuetz inveighed against the BfV's nonexecutive approach to security questions by "hoarding" assets, as he phrased it (the BfV allegedly runs about two hundred double agent cases), which are handled by an insufficient number of personnel, most of whom are wanting in experience, while the opposition mounts high-level operations that only come to light through defections. Schuetz also complained about the fact that the BfV which detects and monitors clandestine radio operations at the same time utilizes its findings for operational purposes, thus depriving executive agencies like the BKA/SG of the investigative efforts that could uncover far more espionage activity than is possible under existing conditions.

COMMENT: A part of the living quarters of President Schrubbers consists of a moderately sized living room adjoined by a dining room with access through two wide portals, one on either end. The guests were concentrated in the living room with small groups building under both portals. In such close quarters, an unobtrusive yet enterprising young journalist like Klaus Hoff, one of the guests from "Welt am Sonntag," could inconspicuously monitor the conversation of any group he chose. Topics, such as Schuetz touched upon are usually provoked when BKA/SG and BfV members find themselves at the same social gathering, which has, upon occasion, resulted in altercation. From the sampling of conversation cited, it appears that the security consciousness, and standards, of German intelligence officials, is hardly on a par with USI practices.

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